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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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Mr. O. F. Littmann
Washington D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with instructions from Capt. O. R. Meker, Commanding U. S. C. G. & B. & G.,

I have the honor to submit herewith a Descriptive Report on Topographic Sheet number 2585.

Respectfully yours,

E. B. Latham,
Assistant U. S. C. G. & B. & G.
Description Report to accompany topographic sheet
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This sheet is a recovery of the shore line in the vicinity of Cape San Blas, Florida, on the scale 1 to 20,000 by the party of P. A. Wilton, Assist U.S. Engr Commanding the U.S. Corps of Engineers, during May of 1902.

The general appearance of the Coast is low flat and well wooded. The forestation is dense, and is interspersed with low sand ridges lying approximately parallel with the shore line. The region is well timbered, timber of Pinu Palmers and sawn oak, varying in height up to 80 feet. No indication of fresh water streams or ponds are found along the beach.

The Plan line shifts from 20 to 50 meters in each clowm. There is, with the exception of that portion of the beach in the immediate vicinity of San Blas light, a gradual washing away, at the rate of 5 to 10 meters per year; authority Assistant Light Keeper at San Blas light. The light house structure at Cape San Blas was in 1895, standing in 7 feet of water; the lighthouse has made to its present dimensions since that time. Landings is made by the light house tender, in delivering supplies in almost any weather.

The beach consists of hard packed coral worn
tain, a stranded seal could hold together but a short time in heavy weather. There are but two settlers on the beach between Cape Blan and St. George Island Light, one at Indian Pass and one on St. Vincent's Island near West Pass.

Communication to Apalachicola, the nearest town, is by private conveyance, taking about 12 hours' travel to reach it. The light keepers go into Apalachicola once per month for mail and supplies.

May 31st, 1902

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